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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment amends International PCT Application No. PCT/GB99/02600 filed August 6, 1999, and which is being entered into the National Stage in the U.S. in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371 by the attached documents. This Preliminary Amendment is intended to put the International Application into proper form for examination in the U.S. Patent Office. Accordingly, please amend the International Application, prior to the calculation of the filing fee, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

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